

Eastern Sierra Wildflower Outings for Spring 2008



Offered by the BLM Bishop Field Office:

Friday Field Trips to the Alabama Hills – April 4, 11, and 18. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the intersection of Whitney Portal and Movie Flat Roads. These field outings are designed to watch the spring blooms emerge and change throughout the month of April which is an optimal month to see a range of local species favorites' such as scarlet locoweed, golden gilia, and sand blossoms.

Friday, May 2nd. Warren Bench. Fire and Flowers. Meet at 9:30 at the Big Pine Triangle Campground . Come see what plants have emerged following the 2007 fires. Warren Bench is a level and often very interesting floristic spot (the northern most population of *Coreopsis bigelovii*) grows here).

Friday, May 16th. Long Valley. Meet at 9:30 at the “Green Church” – Benton Crossing Road – just off of Hwy. 395. The Long Valley Caldera with it's array of unique plant communities such as alkali meadows, Great Basin thermal spring systems and diverse sagebrush steppe communities is a plant lover's dream. We will find all kinds of rare species too including the Long Valley milk-vetch, Mono milk-vetch, alkali tansy, and meadow hawksbeard.

Field trips will last until 12:30 p.m. – Bring a lunch and standard field trip items listed below. Contact Anne Halford at 872-5022 or email at ahalford@ca.blm.gov for more information. All trips are easy to moderate and are a combination of driving and walking, usually not more than a mile or so.

For all field trips, be sure to bring plenty of water, lunch, good walking shoes or boots, and appropriate clothing for hot sun and/or inclement weather. Also useful would be a hand lens, binoculars, camera, floras, and plant lists. Trips will leave at the time announced, so please arrive at the meeting sites a few minutes early. Unless indicated, the average car should do fine. Car pooling is encouraged.